

protect transportation personnel and passengers from sexual assault and harassment.

The bill would require certain passenger transportation carriers, including passenger airlines, buses, passenger railroads, and transportation network companies (Uber or Lyft) to establish formal policies, trainings, and reporting structures to crack down on sexual assault and harassment.

The bill would also institute penalties for individuals who physically or sexually assault or threaten transportation personnel.

Public transportation is essential to the lives of millions of Americans. The threat of being sexually assaulted or harassed obstructs their ability to get to work, school or to pick up their kids from day care.

Passengers of public transportation live with a constant fear of being sexually victimized or threatened. Women especially have a higher chance of experiencing these sorts of encounters.

In Houston there have been several cases of men and women both passengers and employees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority, that have faced harassment and assault on public transport.

Public transportation should be the last place where Americans fear for their lives.

We must use our authority as Members of Congress to put in place a system that would help protect passengers from these obscene crimes. This bill would help protect the single mom in Houston trying to get to work on time, or the middle schooler in New York City using the subway to get to school.

I urge all my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 5706 the Stop Sexual Assault and Harassment in Transportation Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM EMMER

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, I was regrettably unable to vote on S. 2126 (Roll Call No. 97) on March 30, 2022. Had I been present, I would have voted Yes.

RECOGNIZING CAROL BROWNER FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS TO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

HON. JERRY MCNERNEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Mr. MCNERNEY. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating former Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Carol Browner, who is this year's recipient of the Pure Earth Force of Nature Award.

A lifelong environmental advocate, Administrator Browner spearheaded the creation of the EPA's first policy that focused on the link between children's health risks and exposure to environmental hazards, resulting in the establishment of the EPA's Office of Children's Health Protection (OCHP). Today, the OCHP remains vigilant in its work to increase environmental health literacy among health care

providers, in addition to evaluating and raising awareness about environmental contaminants that may contribute to childhood disease.

Administrator Browner holds the title of the longest serving EPA Administrator in the agency's history, and under her leadership, much was accomplished. She continues to work to combat environmental risks to children's health through a public-private partnership that is tackling the global lead poisoning crisis, which impacts 800 million children in low- and middle-income countries.

TRIBUTE TO RICHARD THEODORE GREENER, THE FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN TO GRADUATE FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, Academician, Attorney, businessman, Civic leader and accomplished American, Mr. Richard Theodore Greener, the first African American to graduate from Harvard University. Richard Greener was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on January 30, 1844. He quit school in his mid-teens to earn money for his family, but one of his employers helped him enroll in a preparatory school at Oberlin College. He graduated from Phillips Academy in 1865, and he spent three years at Oberlin College before transferring to Harvard College. His admission to Harvard was an experiment by the administration and paved the way for more Black students to attend Harvard.

Richard Theodore Greener graduated from Harvard College in 1870. In 1875, Richard Greener became the first African American to be elected as a member of the American Philological Association. He graduated from law school at South Carolina university, and practiced law in South Carolina, then Washington, D.C. before joining the Howard University Law School as a professor, and eventually a dean.

In 1875, Richard Greener was chosen by the General Assembly of South Carolina to be a member of a commission to revise the South Carolina School system. In 1880, he became a law clerk of the first comptroller of the United States Treasury; from 1876 to 1879 he represented South Carolina in the Union League of America and was President of the South Carolina Republican Association in 1887. From 1885 to 1892, he served as Secretary of the Grant Association, where he is credited with having led the eventual fundraising effort which brought in donations from 90,000 people worldwide to construct Grant's Tomb, still the largest mausoleum in North America. From 1885 to 1890, he was Chief Examiner of the Civic Service Board for New York City and County; and in the 1896 election, he served as the Head of the Colored Bureau of the National Republican Party in Chicago. In 1875, he was appointed as the United States Commercial Agent in Vladivostok, Russia, and stayed in the foreign service until 1905.

Richard Greener was well recognized for his work. While at Harvard in 1868 and 1870, he earned the Bowdoin Prize. He received two honorary Doctor of Laws degrees, one from Monrovia College in Liberia in 1882 and the

second one from Howard University in 1907. In 1902, the Chinese government decorated him with the order of the Double Dragon. Phillips Academy has the Richard T. Greener 1865 Endowed Scholarship. The University of South Carolina's Black Alumni Council Sponsors the Richard T. Greener Endowment Fund, the Central Quadrangle at Phillips Academy was named in his honor in 2018, and the University of South Carolina is honoring his legacy by erecting a statue on campus.

Richard T. Greener eventually settled in Chicago where he worked for an insurance company, practiced law and lectured about his life and times.

Much of this information came from Mr. Greener's Harvard diploma and personal papers discovered in an attic in Chicago.

What a great man, what a great history, what a great American.

DAEVION TURNER

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Daevidon Turner for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Daevidon Turner is an 11th grader at Vantage Point High School and received this award because their determination and hard work have allowed them to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Daevidon Turner is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Daevidon Turner for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I have no doubt they will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of their future accomplishments.

RECOGNIZING JAY CAMPBELL

HON. TROY E. NEHLS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 31, 2022

Mr. NEHLS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding member of my staff, Senior Legislative Assistant Jay Campbell, as he prepares to leave my office and Capitol Hill to pursue a new career path.

Jay is one of the most genuine and loyal people I have met during my time in Washington. Through his hard work, dedication, and his passion for identifying legislative solutions, Jay embodies what it means to be a public servant.

Amongst his colleagues Jay is respected as a knowledgeable and effective Transportation and Infrastructure policy work. I could not have asked for a better Transportation and Infrastructure advisor for my first year in Congress. I will certainly miss his intellectual insight to help solve the problems facing the people of TX-22.